OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Sibuxeyesighed.

If an S and I and an O and a U,
With an X at the end, spell Su,
And an E and a Y and an E spell an

Pray, what is the speller to do?

Then, if also an S and an I and a G

And an II E D speller cide,

There's nothing much left for the

Speller to do
But to go and commit Siouxeyesighed.

-Selected.

George Washington's School Days.

The great and good man whom we affectionately call "The Father of Ilis Country" was, as all great men have been, a manly little fellow, even if he did cut down the cherry-tree, as they say he did. A writer in "The American Boy" tells of George Washington's days in an interesting manner.

When twelve years old George entered the neighborhood school near his home in Westmoreland, Va. At Wakefield his teacher was a Mr. Williams, who had come over from England, where he had been a teacher in Wakefield Academy in Yorkshire.

While in Mr. Williams' school. Washington drew up a code of rules of conduct. In these rules Washington pictures the boys whose manners should be avoided. Here is an exact copy—spelling, punctuation and all—of some of these rules:

"Do not Puff up the cheeks, Loll out the tongue, rub the hands or beard thrust out the lips or bite them or keep the lips too long open or Close.

"Kill no vermin as Fleas Lice ticks &c., in the sight of others. If you see any fifth put your foot dexterisee any filth put your foot dexteriof your Companions Put it off privately, of if it be on your own Clothreturn thanks to him who puts it off

"Shake not the head Feet or legs rowl not the Eyes, lift not one eyebrow higher than the other wry not the mouth and bedew no man's face with your spittle by approaching him while you speak.

"Put not off your cloths in the presence of Others nor go out of your chambers half drest.

"SHIFT not yourself in the sight of others nor Gnaw your nails.

"Keep your Nails clean and short, also your Hands and Teeth clean, without showing any great concern of them.

"WHEN you Sit down Keep your feet firm and Even without putting them one on the other or crossing them.

"IF YOU Cough Sneeze or yawn do it not Loud but privately and Sneak not in your Yawning, but put your handkerchief before your face and turn aside.

"Spit not in the fire nor Stoop low before it neither put your hands into the flame to warm them nor set feet upon the Fire especially if there be meat before it.

"At Play or at fire it is good maners to give place to the last-comer, and affect not to speak louder than ordinary. "WEAR not your Cloths foul unript or Dusty but See they be Brush't once every day at least and take heed that you approach not to any uncleanness.

"In your apparel be modest and endeavor to accommodate Nature rather than procure Admiration Keep to the Fashion of your equals Such as are Civil and orderly with respect to Times and Places.

"BEING at meat scratch not neither Spit cough or blow your nose except there be a necessity for it.

"TAKE no Salt nor cut Bread with your knife greasy.

"If you soak Bread in the Sauce let it be no more than what you put in your Mouth at a time, and blow not your Breath at Table but stay till (it) Cools of it Self.

"Put not an other bit into your Mouth with your knife in your Hand neither Spit forth the Stones of any Fruit pye upon a Dish nor cast anything under the Table.

"Put not another bit in your Mouth til the former be swallowed let not the Morsels be too big for the jowls.

"Cleanse not your teeth with the Table Cloth, Napkin, folk or knife. but if Others do it let it be done with a pick tooth.

"RINCE not your Mouth in the Presence of others."

On Christmas Day, 1779, the school-house in which Washington had laid the foundations for his greatness, burned to the ground, destroying the school-books, maps, etc., of Washington's school-days. School boys in those days wrote cut in rude blank-books maps, arithmetic tables and copies of practice in penmanship. This was largely because there were so few books to be had. About all the facilities Mr. Williams had were a big globe, a wall-map, and a geography as big as a family Bible. Each boy really had to write his own geography, and there is in existence the one that Washington wrote. Here is how he bound America:

"America is bounded on ye East with ye Atlantic Ocean on the West with ye Pacifick Sea and on the North without Bounds on the South by ye Megellanie Sea."

There are many pages in this geography. Some of them are filled with astronomy work.

As will be imagined from the rules of conduct we have quoted, Washington was a neat boy, though not a fop. One of Washington's biographers, speaking of Washington's play. says that he could never endure trifling games, such as marbles and tops. His delight was in a manly sport of game—jumping with a long pole, heaving heavy weights, running, wrestling, etc. In these he excelled. He early cultivated an exceedingly accurate eye for measurement, and it is said that Mr. Williams was especially skillful in this, and that a good part of his instruction lay in the measuring of distances with the eye.

From Washington's manuscriptbooks we learn that he studied arithmetic very thoroughly, even geometry and trigonometry. He left school just before his sixteenth birthday, the last months of his schooling being devoted to higher mathematics and surveying.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

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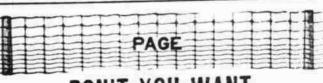
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